III. CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented)   A multiple platform architecture data reporting system for managing attribute data in a document processing apparatus, the system, embodied on a non-transitory computer readable medium in the document processing apparatus, comprising:

> a system manager stored on said non-transitory computer readable medium of said data processing apparatus; and

> at least one platform controller stored on said non-transitory computer readable medium of said data processing apparatus, said controller coupled to the system manager, the system manager configured to:

> collect attribute data including copyright data pertaining to software from each platform controller;

> recognize the copyright data in the attribute data ; and

> process in a processor the copyright data into a list of copyright data for the system; and

> a user interface connected to the system manager for displaying the collected attribute data in the list to a user.

2. (Previously Presented)   The multiple platform architecture data reporting system as in claim 1 wherein the system manager comprises memory for storing attribute data collected by the system manager.

3. (Previously Presented)   A method for managing attribute data in a document processing apparatus, the method comprising :

> a system controller in the document processing apparatus polling at least two platform controllers in the document processing apparatus for attribute data;

> the system manager collecting the attribute data from the at least two platform controllers in response to the polling; and

displaying the collected attribute data on a user display of the document processing apparatus for managing attribute data in the document processing apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended)   The method as in claim 3 wherein the polling at least two platform controllers for attribute data further comprises automatically polling the at least two platform controllers ~~during~~ at power on of at least one of the at least two platform controllers.

5. (Previously Presented)   The method as in claim 3 wherein the polling at least two platforms for attribute data further comprises polling at least one of the at least two platform controllers when polling is initiated by a user request.

6. (Previously Presented)   The method as in claim 3 wherein the collecting the attribute data from the at least two platforms in response to of polling further comprises collecting the copyright information from the at least two platform controllers.

7. (Previously Presented)   The method as in claim 3 wherein the collecting the attribute data from the at least two platforms in response to the polling further comprises collecting the license information from the at least two platform controllers.

8. (Previously Presented)   The method as in claim 3 wherein the document processing apparatus is a copier, a fax machine, a computer printer, a scanner or a multifunction device.

9. (Previously Presented)   The method as in claim 3 wherein the displaying the collected attribute data on a user display further comprises automatically displaying the attribute data collected from the at least two platform controllers.

10. (Previously Presented)   The method as in claim 3 wherein the displaying the collected attribute data on a user display further comprises manually displaying the attribute data collected from the at least two platform controllers.

11. (Previously Presented)   The method as in claim 3 wherein the displaying the collected attribute data on a user display further comprises displaying only non- copyright attribute data collected from the at least two platforms.

12. (Previously Presented)   A software copyright information managing system embodied on a non-transitory computer readable medium for managing software copyright data in a document processing apparatus, the system comprising:

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a system controller stored on said non-transitory computer readable medium of said data processing apparatus;

at least one platform controller stored on said non-transitory computer readable medium of said data processing apparatus, said controller coupled to the system controller, the system controller being configured to collect the software copyright data stored on each platform controller;

a user interface connected to the system controller for displaying the software copyright data from the memory to a user.

13. (Previously Presented)   The software copyright information managing system as in claim 12 wherein the system controller for collecting the software copyright data from multiple platforms further comprises a memory for storing the software copyright data collected by the system controller.

14. (Previously Presented)   The software copyright information managing system as in claim 13 wherein the document processing apparatus is a copier, a fax machine, a computer printer, a scanner or a multifunction device.

15. (Currently Amended)   The multiple platform architecture data reporting system as in Claim 1 wherein the system manager collects attribute data from platform controller ~~during~~ at power on of at least one of the at least two platform controllers.

16. (Previously Presented)   The multiple platform architecture data reporting system as in Claim 1 wherein the attribute data collected is attribute data stored on each platform controller and is passed to the user interface.

17. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 1 wherein the list is a list of copyright years for the system in its entirety.

18. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 1 wherein the attribute data comprises copyright and license data related to software.

19. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 1 wherein the attribute data is a list of copyright years related to each software object of the system.

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20. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 1 wherein the document processing apparatus is a copier, a fax machine, a computer printer, a scanner or a multifunction device.

21. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 3 further comprising the attribute data comprising copyright data for each software object on each platform controller.